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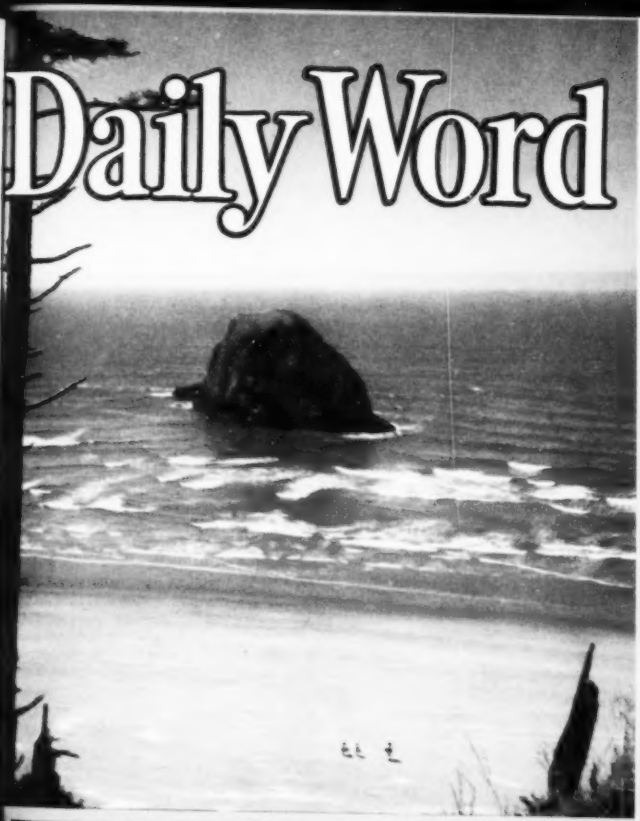

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Class Thoughts

PEACE . . . **In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray for and decree a permanent peace, uniting all the nations of the earth in a league of justice and righteousness, in which the life, liberty, and love of God shall be paramount.**

PRAYER FOR WORLD LEADERS: **Through the Christ Mind you are unified in thought and purpose and inspired to right action for the good of all mankind.**

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ILLUMINATION (11 a.m.): **My understanding is of God, and I am willing that God's will be done in me and all my affairs.**

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PROSPERITY (12 noon): **It is not God's will that I lack any good thing. In the confidence that God is my unfailing supply I am secure in my prosperity. Abundance flows to me from every direction.**

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HEALING (9 p.m.): **It is not God's will that I be sick, God's will for me is health, and I am filled and thrilled with vigor, strength, and vitality.**

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That We May Grow Up

MARTHA SMOCK

HOW MANY adults carry with them feelings and emotions that they should have long ago outgrown! They cannot forget the darkness of other days, so they darken the present by remembering it.

Childishness is not an age but an attitude. Adults can be childish as well as children, and their childishness causes them to have problems just as it causes children to have problems. It is not improbable that ninety-nine per cent of our problems are the result of childish attitudes and actions.

What is the most important thing a little child does to overcome childish traits? He grows! He grows mentally, he grows physically, he grows emotionally, he grows spiritually. We rejoice in his growth. What is the comment we make most when we see little children? "How you have grown!"

In teaching and working with little children we try to help them overcome self-centeredness, we try to teach them to be loving, we try to teach

them to call forth their God-given abilities. We try to help them love and enjoy all the good and beautiful things in life.

But we sometimes overlook a child that surely needs our help. This is the child in us—the child in us that still gets his feelings hurt, the child that is still unreasoning in his demands, the child that still feels neglected, the child that still wants undue attention. We overlook the child in us that says, "Help me, guide me, teach me!"

Every time we have a childish reaction, an angry or unreasonable reaction to some situation, if we are wise we hear the self of us that is still growing saying to us, "I need help."

The child in us may be afraid of others, of life, of anything new or strange. Let us help this child in us to grow up by saying to him: "There is nothing to fear. You were once a child of darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as a child of light."

The child in us may belittle his efforts, he may feel like a failure. Let us teach him the truth that there are no failures in God's sight. Let us remind him that he has the power of God mighty within him, that he has God's own Spirit in him.

The child in us may demand his own way regardless, he may kick and scream, either literally or figuratively, until he gets his own way. Let us

help this child of darkness to become a child of light. Let us say to him, "You are a child of light. You are loving and nonresistant. You are willing to co-operate, you are willing to understand the needs and rights of others."

The child in us may say, "No one loves me. I am not so smart, so clever, so attractive as others. I do not ever do anything to please anyone." Let us not listen to this child. Rather, let us make him listen to us. Let us remind him that he is a beloved child of God, that he has the power and ability to do all things well. Let us pour out love and patience and understanding upon this child, let us help him grow into the Christ perfection. Let us help him become a child of light.

"When I was a child, I spake as a child, I felt as a child: now that I am become a man, I have put away childish things." So we will help the child in us to grow up, we will "put away childish things."

"Till we all attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a fullgrown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we may be no longer children . . . but speaking truth in love, may grow up in all things into him, who is the head, *even* Christ.

SHINING WORDS

IF YOU were to visit Unity School at Lee's Summit, Missouri and walk through the lobby of the Administration Building, your attention would be drawn to the illuminated words in the clear frieze that encircles the lobby walls.

You would see ten affirmations of Truth inscribed there. You would see that these affirmations are lighted from behind, that the affirmations light up one at a time, making the words of each one clear and impressive.

What is the story behind these affirmations? They were favorites of Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity. His son W. Rickert Fillmore who designed the building, was inspired with the idea of having them in the main lobby, as constant

reminders of the Truth teachings.

These affirmations are a literal conception of what an affirmation is. Words with light behind them! Shining words!

An affirmation is without meaning to us until we let the light of our minds shine upon it. It is the light shining through our consciousness that gives life to an affirmation of Truth, that makes the words we affirm a living reality to us, a part of our thinking and feeling.

The following affirmations are inscribed on the circular frieze around the lobby:

"The joy of the Lord is your strength."

God in me is infinite wisdom. He shows me what to do.

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will direct thy paths."

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Naught can disturb me, for Christ is my peace and my poise.

"All things work together for good."

"In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength."

Faith is the strength of the soul inside, and lost is the man without it.

The greatest teaching ever given is—"Christ in you, the hope of glory."

"God is my help in every need."

The first ten lessons in this issue of DAILY WORD are based on the foregoing affirmations. As you think about and meditate on these affirmations, new light will shine in your mind, new ways to meet and to handle the problems of your life will be shown you; you will have new understanding of your spiritual nature, you will have new understanding of "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

AN INVITATION
FROM SILENT UNITY

Have you ever needed help greatly but did not know where to turn? We extend to you a most loving invitation to call on Silent Unity.

For the past sixty years Silent Unity has been praying and working with people from every walk of life.

We do not believe that anything is impossible or incurable. We keep faith with all who call upon us, for we believe in the power of God and in the power of prayer, and we know that God never fails.

If you need us, feel free to call upon us at any time. We may be reached day or night by telegraph, WUX, Kansas City, Missouri, or telephone at BAltimore 4720, Kansas City, Missouri, or by letter at Silent Unity, Lee's Summit, Missouri.

The following are excerpts from letters written to DAILY WORD. *We wish to thank all of you* DAILY WORD *readers for the letters you write us, for your words of blessing and appreciation. We wish to thank you too for the way in which you live with and use your* DAILY WORD *and for the ways in which you pass* DAILY WORD *along to others. We feel a sense of oneness with you, and we rejoice that the circle of* DAILY WORD *friends is growing larger day by day.*

From Pennsylvania:

I went on a vacation to Providence, Rhode Island, and two other ladies and I sat in the station waiting for daylight to come. One of the ladies opened her purse and got out DAILY WORD, and I opened my purse and showed her my DAILY WORD. She was from New Jersey and she said if all people would read DAILY WORD

this world would be a better place to live in. So you never know where you will meet Unity people.

From Indiana:

In DAILY WORD recently you invited us to tell you how we read and use DAILY WORD.

I am a machine operator in a factory and come in contact with so many people, and so many have problems. I tell them about or show them DAILY WORD, and I always say, "I'll have it sent to you if you would like to have it."

I read it often and try to use it in all my work while operating my machine. Prayer keeps me in tune and happy. A person can get so tense under pressure if he doesn't do a lot of praying. DAILY WORD is a wonderful little magazine with heaps of good will and blessings. Where could a person find a better friend! We love it.

From California:

I should like to tell you how I first became acquainted with Unity. I found a copy of DAILY WORD on a shelf of a linen closet in a vacant house I had just moved into, left there by the former tenant. I shall never forget the experience. I almost tossed it aside. But something stronger urged me to read it, and what an awak-

ening I had! I had searched for years for something like this, not knowing what I was seeking. I had kept as close to God as I could with my blind faith. But I was bewildered when my prayers were not answered and would cry out, "Why, why!"

After reading my first copy of DAILY WORD I showed it to my sister. We each sent in a subscription and later sent one to my brother in a distant state. That was over twenty years ago. And my old copies? I take them with me when I go shopping; I casually leave a copy on a bus or street car or the bench where I wait. I leave copies in cafeterias and at counters where I make purchases. I know that someone may pick up the copies of DAILY WORD and read them as I did years ago. Nothing good is ever lost.

From Georgia:

DAILY WORD is placed on my desk each morning I enter my classroom. For ten years I have looked forward each month to its coming and to its many wonderful truths. There is always something each day to fill my needs. On my vacation I keep my DAILY WORD ever near me. In summer school it is my constant guide. DAILY WORD has become a part of my life. May God's richest blessings be with you always.

THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH.

I WILL not become emotionally disturbed by any occurrence in my daily living, for I keep myself poised and centered in the joy of the Lord, which is ever within me.

The joy within me is strong, abiding, unquenchable. It sustains me through every experience, it upholds me in every time of doubt, it comforts me in time of sorrow. The joy of the Lord is my strength.

When I think about the life of God, mighty within me, when I think about the love of God like a mantle about me, when I think about the light of God shining in me and through me, I am filled with a spirit of joy; I am filled with assurance and faith. I know what it means to rejoice in the Lord. I know that the joy of the Lord is my strength.

All through this day I will carry with me the words, "The joy of the Lord is my strength." I will say to myself, "This day *is* holy . . . mourn not, nor weep. . . . neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

♠ *The joy of the* LORD *is your strength.*—NEH. 8:10 (A.V.).

GOD IN ME IS INFINITE WISDOM. HE SHOWS ME WHAT TO DO.

MANY PERSONS who write to Silent Unity want specific advice; they want Silent Unity to tell them what to do in some situation.

In Silent Unity we never give specific advice because we believe that the only true guidance must come from God, the Spirit of infinite wisdom within man.

If you have to make a decision and do not know what to do, try asking for God's direction. Speak to your indwelling Lord. "Thou art infinite wisdom within me. Show me what to do." As you pray for light and guidance in any need, in making any decision, as you call on the divine wisdom that is within you, you will be shown what to do and how to do it. The answer that comes to you will be clear and understandable, because it comes from the intelligent Spirit of God in you.

Many times throughout every day we may find ourselves praying: "Thou art infinite wisdom in me, O God. Show me what to do." And in every need, great or small, we will be led aright.

♣ *The* LORD is *my shepherd.*—PSALMS 23:1 (A.V.).

Friday

"IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE WILL DIRECT THY PATHS."

IN everything I do this day I say to myself: "The intelligence of God is in me. I do all things in Him and through Him."

If I need light and guidance about some particular situation, I give thanks now that the right answer is being revealed; I give thanks that I am open and receptive to that which is for my highest good and for the highest good of all others concerned. Even if I do not see my answer all at once, even if I still do not know exactly what to do in some situation, when I affirm that the directing power of God is within me I am at peace in my mind about it. I can go ahead with the needs and demands of the day, free from tension and anxiety.

It is when I let go and let God work through me that I gain new insight and wisdom, that God reveals right answers through me. My thinking is clear. I know my way because I know my Way-Shower—the presence and power of God within me.

In all thy ways acknowledge him,
And he will direct thy paths.
—PROV. 3:6.

"I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHICH STRENGTHENETH ME."

IF EVER I feel that I cannot accomplish something that is before me, if ever I feel that I lack strength, energy, or will power to do the things that need to be done by me, I remind myself that "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Christ in me is my never-failing source of power and energy. In myself I may feel weak or inadequate, but the Christ in me is always strong, always capable, always enduring in life and vitality.

Today I know that "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." I can do my work with zest and enthusiasm, because I do it through the power of Christ in me. I can make decisions, I can act with good judgment, I can express loving-kindness and patience toward my family and friends, because "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Today I feel strong and whole, I feel vital and alive, I feel capable and successful.

♣ *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*—PHIL. 4:13 (A.V.).

Sunday

NAUGHT CAN DISTURB ME, FOR CHRIST IS MY PEACE AND MY POISE.

It is in our emotional nature that we are disturbed, so it is well for us to strengthen this side of our nature by knowing that Christ is not only the light of our minds but the strength of our emotions.

Often we feel we lack control of our emotions. Our reason tells us that there is nothing to be disturbed about, but our emotions seem to take over. However, we are not at the mercy of negative or destructive emotions. Through Christ in us we have control. It is through continually affirming the Christ presence that we maintain equilibrium in our emotional nature, that we are able to keep poised and peaceful at all times, under all circumstances.

Today affirm for yourself, "Naught can disturb me, for Christ is my peace and my poise." Your emotions will respond to this affirmation of Truth, and your response to all the affairs of the day will be happy and positive; you will move through the day with a serene feeling of poise and trust.

♣ *Peace, be still.*—Mark 4:39.

"ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD."

OF ALL the basic teachings of Unity the reminder that "all things work together for good" is one of the most helpful.

To remember that "all things work together for good" is to rise out of feelings of impatience because of delay, change of plans, or interruption of some cherished project.

To remember that "all things work together for good" is to take the large view of things, to see the over-all picture of life. We rise out of personal ambition and planning and see ourselves as children of God, as part of His great and unfolding creation.

We see ourselves as students in the school of life. We see that all the experiences of life can be for good, because every experience can help us, teach us, and guide us if we look for and extract the good that is in it for us.

To remember that "all things work together for good" is to remember that God loves us with an everlasting love, that He is bringing us safely and surely through the days of our lives into paths of Truth and light.

♣ *All things work together for good.*—ROM. 8:28.

"IN QUIETNESS AND IN CONFIDENCE SHALL BE YOUR STRENGTH."

WE DO not realize sometimes how much more strength—mental, emotional, and physical—we would have if we would practice being more quiet.

Most of us have known persons who wore themselves and everyone else out by their continual talking. It is not easy for some persons to be still, even for a few moments. These are extreme cases, of course, but all of us can benefit by learning to be still for at least a short period during every day.

We renew ourselves in the stillness. It may take conscious effort to sit still, to quiet our bodies, to quiet our minds. But through such effort we are able to attune ourselves to God; we open our minds to new light and fresh inspiration, we rise out of old, accepted patterns of thought and living.

Strength comes from quietness; out of the quietness of prayer we emerge with new power and energy.

♣ *In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.* —ISA. 30:15.

I HAVE FAITH IN GOD.

"FAITH is the strength of the soul inside, and lost is the man without it." Charles Fillmore, who made this statement, also once described faith as the pioneer quality of the mind.

So it is faith in us that opens up the way for the other qualities of God to come forth. In any need we must begin with the proposition that we have faith in God. Our affirmation of faith will prepare the way for whatever it is that we need to come forth.

If we are praying for healing for ourselves or for someone else, our first need is to declare that we have faith in God. Without faith in God there is no basis for divine healing. All life begins with God, all healing takes place through God's power. A declaration of faith in God will act as the pioneer that makes its way through the wilderness of doubts or fears, through the wilderness of negative appearances or predictions. Faith is the pioneer that courageously calls us on, that says to us: "Do not be dismayed; there is nothing to fear. Look! Before you is all of good!"

♣ *Behold, I send my messenger.*—MARK 1:2.

Thursday

CHRIST IN ME IS MY HOPE OF GLORY.

CHARLES FILLMORE, after years of working with Truth ideas and teaching and studying metaphysics, came to this conclusion: "The greatest teaching ever given is—'Christ in you, the hope of glory.' "

We need to keep this idea before us always; we need to think about what Christ in us really means. Jesus said, "Before Abraham was born, I am." He was speaking of the Christ in Him, the spiritual self of Him that was without beginning or end.

We have been created in the image and likeness of God, perfect spiritual beings. This perfect creation is the Christ. It is the self of us that does not begin with birth or end with death. It is the self of us that is unchanging, indestructible. It is the self of us that is perfect—perfect love, perfect life, perfect substance.

Our "hope of glory" lies in bringing forth the Christ as life in our bodies, as intelligence in our minds, as love in our hearts. Our "hope of glory" lies in becoming in expression what we are in Spirit—perfect Christ beings.

♣ *Christ in you, the hope of glory.*—COL. 1:27.

GOD IS MY HELP IN EVERY NEED

GOD is my help in every need;
God does my every hunger feed;
God walks beside me, guides my way
Through every moment of the day.

I now am wise, I now am true,
Patient, kind, and loving, too.
All things I am, can do, and be,
Through Christ, the Truth that is in me.

God is my health, I can't be sick;
God is my strength, unfailing, quick;
God is my all, I know no fear,
Since God and love and Truth are here.

God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
—PSALMS 46:1.

GOD'S LOVING SPIRIT WITHIN ME ENABLES ME TO ADJUST HARMONIOUSLY TO ALL PERSONS AND SITUATIONS.

WE MAY not see things exactly like another person, but we can always find points of agreement with him if we sincerely desire harmony and understanding.

In living and working with others, we learn to make adjustments to their viewpoints, we learn to co-operate.

When we realize that we are all children of God we do not fear the differences that may exist between us and others. We have the inner assurance that others do not stand in the way of our fulfillment and that by trying to understand and to adjust to differences we are enriched.

Every person has the ability within himself to make whatever adjustments life asks of him. When he accepts the responsibity for harmonizing himself with other persons and with the circumstances of his life, he unifies himself with God's loving Spirit. He grows in spiritual understanding and he expresses more and more understanding in his human relations.

♠ *Apply thy heart to understanding.*—PROV. 2:2.

I GIVE THANKS THAT THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS DRAWING ALL MEN TOGETHER IN UNITY AND PEACE.

ALL MEN, regardless of differences in race, language, or customs, which oftentimes make it difficult for them to understand one another, have something in common. They are all children of God, they all have God's Spirit in them. There is a Spirit in every man that inspires him to seek light and Truth, that inspires him to seek that which is just and right.

In praying for world peace, let us remember that the world is made up of individuals, very like us, who are seeking things very similar to the things we are seeking. Let us remember that God's Spirit is in us all, drawing us together in unity and peace.

Our contribution to world peace is our day-by-day expression of thoughts, words, and acts that contribute to peace, that contribute to harmony, that contribute to understanding.

But there is a spirit in man,
And the breath of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

—JOB 32:8.

Monday

I SPEAK WORDS OF TRUTH AND CALL FORTH GOOD IN MY LIFE.

THERE IS tremendous power in the spoken word. Today I would speak only words of Truth, words that will bring into manifestation my highest good. I would hold back the careless, negative phrase, the word of condemnation, of complaint. If I have no positive word to speak, I would remain silent. I would set a seal upon my lips.

I would never forget that my words are full of power. I would use this power in a positive way only. I would never, through my words, limit or block the channels for the manifestation and establishment of the good, the perfect, the true.

Dear Father-God, help me this day to speak words of Truth without hesitation. Guide me to speak words that will comfort, bless, and inspire those in need. Let me express the beauty of rhythm and phrase that are innate to the word of Truth. Quicken my heart and mind to a new understanding of the word of Truth, so that I may give it clear and beautiful expression.

♣ *For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.*—MATT. 12:37.

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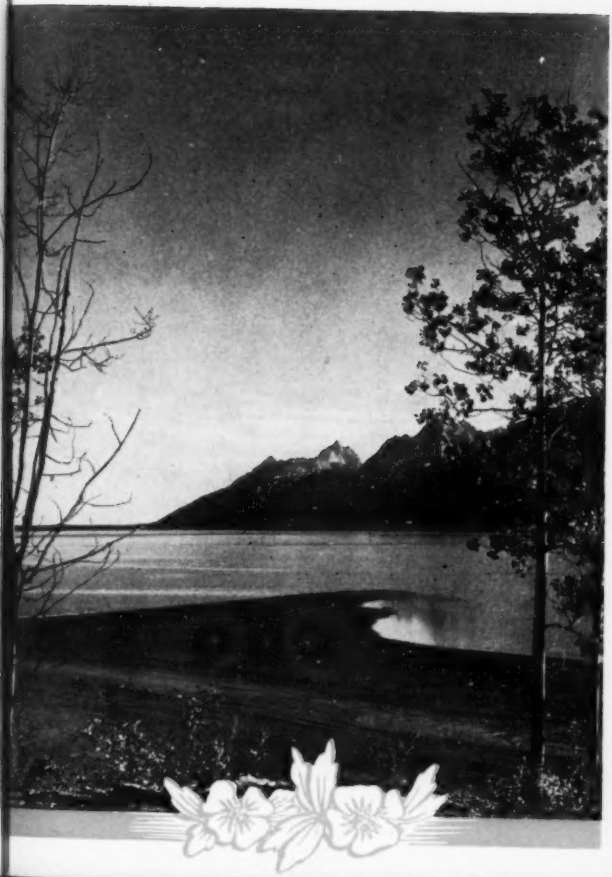
Morning

ELIZABETH LANDEWEER

Ah, this is not the same old world
  I left behind me in the night,
This is a whole new age uncurled
  From some sweet secret crypt of light,
And I who wake with darkness gone,
  Behold an angel in the sun.

My soul, my heart's fresh leaf unfold,
  In awe and wonder, to adore—
And while a shaft of burning gold
  Strikes like a note from heaven's floor,
As clear as God's own spoken word,
  I hear the first call of a bird.

With dewdrops sparkling everywhere,
  And light unfolding like a scroll,
With dawn clouds drifting here and there,
  As pink as roses in a bowl,
Shall I not call Him beautiful,
  Beloved One, and wonderful,
Who made the world so fair!



I MAKE A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO EVERY EXPERIENCE IN MY LIFE.

EVEN an unhappy experience can prove a positive factor in our lives, if we look at it with wisdom, faith, and understanding. We need not allow any experience to make us bitter, resentful, or sad. We can always make a positive response even to what seems to be a negative situation. We can assert control and refuse to be possessed by emotions we do not want, emotions that deny us the freedom and the joy we are capable of.

If you feel burdened or unhappy because of some experience or some situation in your life, assert the freeing power God has given you. Say to yourself: "I refuse to be unhappy. I am free. I am filled with the joy of God's abiding Spirit. I express this joy now."

The Spirit of God in you will respond to your faith, and you will feel strengthened and at peace. The affairs of your life will respond to your faith, and all things will be made right.

His compassion fail not.
They are new every morning.
—LAM. 3:22, 23.

WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT I EXPRESS MORE AND MORE OF THE BEAUTY AND PERFECTION OF THE CHRIST IN ME.

THERE IS no deterioration in any part of my being. With each passing moment new beauties of the Christ are unfolding and expressing themselves through my mind and body.

My mind is illumined with the radiant wisdom of the Christ. My heart is filled with the love, joy, and graciousness of the Christ.

Everything about me is constantly improving, progressing, and being resurrected to greater heights of perfection.

The Christ's infinite and perfect vision is unfolding new and clearer depths of perception through my faculty of sight.

Every cell in my physical organism is momently being renewed, resurrected, and transformed from glory to greater glory.

I deny all belief in age or decline; I affirm that with each passing moment I am unfolding more of the beauty of the Christ within.

♣ *And the witness is this, that God gave unto us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath the life.*—I JOHN 5:11, 12.

I TAKE TIME TODAY TO RELEASE AND TO BLESS ALL THE PERSONS AND THINGS IN MY LIFE.

EACH DAY I set aside a time when I completely release and bless every person, thing, and circumstance in my life.

If I have been holding onto the persons in my life, particularly those who are nearest and dearest to me, I now release and bless them. As I mentally release them I say, "You do not belong to me; you belong to God."

I let go my tense hold on my material possessions, and I say: "You do not belong to me; you belong to God. I am but the steward of His infinite bounty."

I let go the tense feeling that it is up to me to guide the course of my life, and I say, "God, I place my life in Thy hands, and I trust Thy Spirit to guide me into the glorious good that is waiting for me."

I release and bless every person, thing, and condition in my life.

♣ *The Spirit of the Lord Jehovah is upon me; because Jehovah hath anointed me . . . to proclaim . . . the opening* of the prison *to them that are bound.*—ISA. 61:1, 2.

Friday

I WELCOME CHANGE AS OPPORTUNITY TO UNFOLD MORE OF THE GOD POWERS WITHIN ME.

MOST OF us get so used to familiar and set patterns of life that the possibility of change may arouse all manner of undesirable emotions within us. However, we can make any change without stress or strain, for God created us with a wonderful, capable spirit.

When we have to meet some kind of change let us remember that change is necessary to growth. Let us approach any experience with a sense of anticipation, with faith in the good. Let us be wise enough to enter into the experience rather than to resist it or merely to tolerate it.

As we enter into life and use our God-given abilities, our lives are enriched. It is when we retreat from experiences that we deny ourselves opportunity for growth and development.

It is only as we ask something more of ourselves that we discover how great our potentialities are. So change is not something to be resisted or avoided; rather, it should be welcomed when it comes; it should be something we rejoice in.

♠ *We serve in newness of the spirit.*—ROM. 7:6.

THE FORGIVING LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST HAS SET ME FREE.

THE forgiving love of Jesus Christ has set me free from past mistakes. I accept His forgiveness, and, filled with new courage, I make a new beginning.

Just as I can accept the forgiving love of Jesus Christ, so can I forgive freely and completely those who have seemed to hurt me. Peace and happiness are mine as I free my mind from all unforgiving thoughts. God's love, so infinitely good and compassionate, infolds me.

If I am tempted to hold thoughts of unforgiveness in my heart, I turn quickly to the Christ presence and affirm, "The forgiving love of Jesus Christ sets me free." I find release and freedom in this affirmation.

I give thanks that through the forgiving love of Jesus Christ I can forgive quickly and forget forever any hurt, injustice, or seeming wrong. I rejoice in the power and authority of Jesus Christ to triumph in my life over the mistakes or unhappiness of the past.

♠ *If therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*—JOHN 8:36.

FILL US WITH THY PRESENCE, LORD.

As we rise to meet the day, fill us with Thy presence, Lord. Like light spreading across the sky, let Thy light suffuse our minds.

In all that we do today, Lord, fill us with Thy presence. Let our homes be happy because we bring to them the presence of Thy love, let our work be a joy because we bring to it the presence of Thy wisdom, let our experiences be triumphs in living because we bring to them presence of Thy understanding.

Fill us with Thy presence, Lord. Wherever we are, we are one with Thee. Whatever we do, we do it as unto Thee. However we help or bless another, we do it because of Thee.

Fill us with Thy presence, Lord. Reveal Thyself to us all through this day. Be with us as love, as light, as wisdom, as guidance; be with us as the presence that makes all things possible.

Fill us with Thy presence, Lord, with radiant life and health, with strength and peace, with Thy wondrous Spirit.

Thou wilt show me the path of life:
In thy presence is fulness of joy.
—Psalms 16:11.

I SET GOD BEFORE ME THIS DAY TO GUIDE, TO GOVERN, TO BLESS, TO PROTECT, AND TO PROSPER ME.

HOW DO we set God before us? By giving Him first place in our thoughts and hearts. In our thoughts let us say, "God first."

We set God before us by knowing that there is no place where He is not. We set God before us by knowing that wherever we are, whatever we do He is the wisdom that guides, the power that governs, the love that blesses, the presence that protects, the substance that prospers us.

If we are traveling, let us set God before us every mile of the way. Let us know that as we travel we truly go with God, we go to meet our good. We shall find happy experiences all along the way as we set God before us; our way will be smooth and untroubled, beautiful, and bright.

The way of our good is already prepared for us, so let us enter joyously into each new experience, into each new undertaking.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
And light unto my path.
—PSALMS 119:105.

Tuesday

I STIR UP THE GIFT OF GOD, WHICH IS IN ME.

IF I feel depressed for any reason, if I look at the lives of others and compare my lot unfavorably with theirs, I need to stir up the gift of God, which is in me.

The gift of God is God's own Spirit. I cannot be negative about anything in my life, I cannot be envious of others, I cannot be jealous if I remember that God's own Spirit is in me, that God loves me, that He needs me, that I am important in the divine picture.

God's Spirit in me is "not a spirit of fearfulness; but of power and love and discipline." I stir up the powerful Spirit of God within me. I tell myself that I am strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. I stir up the Spirit of love in me. I open my heart to God's love; I let it radiate through me, through my thoughts, words, and actions. I stir up the gift of discipline that God has given me. I take control of my thoughts and feelings through the power of this gift of discipline. Through this gift of discipline I have strength of will and purpose, I have the ability to keep on keeping on.

♣ *Stir up the gift of God, which is in thee.*—II TIM. 1:6.

I AM LOVINGLY AWARE OF THE CHRIST IN ALL MANKIND.

I LOVE the Christ that shines in every person. I do not think of others simply as human beings; rather, I look beyond physical bodies and personalities to His radiant presence within them.

When I outwardly greet another person, I inwardly acknowledge the Christ in him; and whenever I am engaged in conversation with others, I hold silent communion with the Christ in them.

When others make mistakes I do not condemn, but I praise the Christ in them who blesses and forgives.

When others weep, I look beyond their tears to Him who is their strength.

When appearances of inharmony and ill-health seem in evidence in the lives of those about me, I keep my vision upon His healing and harmonizing presence within them.

I love and trust and rejoice in the Christ in every person.

♣ *Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is begotten of God, and knoweth God.*—I JOHN 4:7.

Thursday

I DO MY PART IN EFFECTING HARMONY BY PUTTING INTO ACTION THE LOVING, UNDERSTANDING SPIRIT OF GOD.

WHEN WE sincerely endeavor to understand what our part is in resolving a conflict with another person, we cannot fail to find the way to peace and harmony; we cannot fail to win the appreciation and respect of those who differ with us.

A person who seeks to be understanding of others, a person who makes the effort to live harmoniously with others puts into action the loving, understanding Spirit of God and finds some point of agreement with all persons.

We want to gain understanding, for we know that the gaining of understanding is our greatest victory.

Let us seek to understand the viewpoints of others. Let us not reject their opinions because they are different from our own. Let us remember that it is the search for understanding that brings the victory of peace.

❦ *When a man's ways please the* LORD, *he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.*—PROV. 16:7 (A.V.).

THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN ME IS THE ANSWER TO EVERY CHALLENGE THAT CONFRONTS ME.

I DO not allow myself to become disturbed about any situation in my life, for within me is the Spirit that can guide me to the perfect solution. Instead of trying to figure out the answer by myself, I relax my anxious efforts and quietly remind myself that divine wisdom is within me.

I calmly but definitely convince myself of the truth that God in me is perfectly capable of giving me the wisdom and strength I need to solve each problem or situation.

Even though I may feel that I do not have the spiritual understanding to handle some situation, this does not upset me, for I remember that God in me has all the spiritual understanding necessary to meet any challenge.

As I calmly and faithfully keep my trust in God, He illumines my mind. I have the perfect answer to every problem, the perfect solution to every situation.

♣ *If any of you lacketh wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*—JAMES 1:5.

MY FIRST ASSIGNMENT FROM GOD TODAY IS TO EXPRESS HIS LOVE TOWARD ALL.

IN THE environment in which I find myself, in the circumstances in which my life is lived, I would be loving, patient, and kind. If there is anyone toward whom I feel unfriendly if there is any circumstance toward which I feel unloving, it is here that my work must begin.

Today I begin to re-educate my mind and heart and to fill them with divine love. Today I begin to form new habits of thought. Today I find it increasingly easy to love and to bless others, to keep my thoughts peaceful and loving and in harmony with God. A warm, friendly, kindly feeling for all persons begins to flow uninterruptedly from my heart.

I will refuse to harbor any resentment toward anyone or anything. I reverse the trend of my thinking and keep poised in God's love. I remember that as a child of God my natural reaction toward every person and situation is a loving one.

My assignment from God today is to express His love toward all.

• *A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another.*—JOHN 13:34.

I BEHOLD THE INFINITE POSSIBILITIES IN ALL OF LIFE: I BEHOLD INFINITE GOOD IN ALL PERSONS AND CONDITIONS.

THERE IS a way in which we can be harmoniously attuned to life, a way in which we can know a constantly abiding joy of heart. This way is to develop the habit of looking at life from a spiritual viewpoint.

The spiritual viewpoint looks past appearances and beholds that which is real and true and enduring. When we see another person from a spiritual viewpoint, we see him as a child of God; we see him filled with the life of God, the love of God, the power of God.

When we view life from a spiritual viewpoint, we penetrate to its heart; we rest our vision upon its infinite possibilities; we see beyond the problems of the present moment to the over-all goodness of God.

We develop a spiritual viewpoint through prayer. We learn to see with eyes of love, with eyes of faith; we learn to see persons and circumstances with understanding and appreciation.

♣ *For now we see in a mirror, darkly; but then face to face.*—I COR. 13:12.

I GIVE THANKS THAT MY OWN COMES TO ME UNDER DIVINE LAW.

WE CAN rise out of any belief in injustice by affirming again and again that our own comes to us under divine law. We do not have to fight for what is rightfully ours; we do not have to demand what is rightfully ours; no one else can take what is rightfully ours. Our part is to place our trust in God and to know that our own comes to us, without stress or strain, without hindrance, under divine law.

When we know that our own comes to us under divine law we do not fear that we will be deprived of our good; we are not resentful of another's good. We are established in the faith that our good comes to us from God, that it is sure and unfailing, that nothing can keep it from us.

Let us bless every situation, even the one that seems to be unjust; let us bless every person, even the one who seems to be unfair. Let us have faith that our own comes to us from God.

♣ *The firm foundation of God standeth . . . The Lord knoweth them that are his.*—II TIM. 2:19.

I LET GO OF REGRET OR REMORSE OVER THE PAST. WITH GOD'S HELP I BEGIN AGAIN.

WE CAN always begin again, for God is always with us, a help, a comfort, a source of strength and courage.

It is important in beginning again that we let go of regret or remorse over the past. It may seem that we are not able to do this, that the past seems to be with us, a continual reminder of things we wish we could forget. But with God's help we can lift up our thoughts of the past; we can transform regret or remorse into understanding and wisdom. The memories that have kept us in bondage, that have kept us from living freely, fully, and happily today are healed—healed through the love of God. When a physical condition has been healed we do not say, "I can never forget that condition." So when our feelings are healed and our emotions are made right through prayer, we do not need to go back to them; we can forget them; we can begin again.

Today with God's help let us begin again.

♣ *Sorrow is turned into joy before him.*—JOB 41:22 (A.V.).

Wednesday

IN THE STILLNESS I COMMUNE WITH MY INDWELLING LORD.

TO MAINTAIN the balance in our thought and activity that is essential to health and joy in living, we must learn to get really still. We must learn to detach ourselves from our personal thoughts and feelings and to enlarge and to enrich our faith by unifying ourselves in thought and feeling with the source of our being—God.

No effort is so rewarding as that of disciplining the mind to turn from the demands of daily living to contemplate the Truth of God. The more we expand our thought to encompass spiritual values, the more assurance, poise, and understanding we gain.

No one can commune with God in stillness without gaining spiritual power. For in the stillness God makes His infinite presence known and reveals new light and understanding to our listening hearts and minds. In the stillness we make contact with the source of our life and being.

I will bless Jehovah, who hath given me counsel;
Yea, my heart instructeth me in the night seasons.
—PSALMS 16:7.

GOD HAS A PERFECT PLACE FOR ME TO SERVE, AND BY HIS POWER AND THROUGH HIS LOVE I AM NOW IN MY OWN TRUE PLACE.

YOU ARE a child of God, and your welfare and happiness are important to Him. It is your divine birthright to be successful, prosperous, and happy.

If you need employment, give thanks that there is a perfect place of service for you in God's world. There is employment for you that is both rewarding and satisfying, regardless of who you are, where you are, or how old you are.

Still all doubts and fears and with faith affirm; "God has a perfect place for me to serve, and by His power and through His love I am now in my own true place."

God works in and through your mind and heart and opens wide the door to His good. With joy and enthusiasm and willingness of heart go forth now to meet and to accept your good.

The provision of God for you, His child, is rich and abundant. His Spirit is within you, blessing you and leading you into paths of success.

♣ *He did it with all his heart, and prospered.*—II CHRON. 31:21.

This Month IN UNITY

Ministerial Training Program

The world needs spiritual ideas. To meet this need, the world needs spiritual leaders—men who are ready to dedicate their lives, their energies, and their talents to the service of God and helping of others. If you are such a man, you may be interested in the Ministerial Training Program conducted by Unity School of Christianity to prepare men to be Unity leaders. There is no more purposeful life than that of a Unity leader.

This training is open to qualified men over twenty-five years of age, who have a deep desire to serve God and to help others. They must be capable typists, because they are employed during their training in Silent Unity (a wonderful training in itself.)

If you are interested and qualified, write for information to: The Ministerial Training Program, Unity School of Christianity, Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Unity's Braille Literature

For more than thirty years Unity has been publishing Braille literature and sending it free of

charge to blind persons. Today Unity Braille publications are sent all over the world, and through the years they have been a source of strength, courage, and inspiration to countless persons.

If you know a blind person who reads revised Braille and who would like to receive Unity literature in Braille, we will be happy to send it to him. Just write to Unity headquarters and tell us the person's complete name and address, which periodical is most suitable for him, and which grade of Baille—1½ or 2—he is able to read. The publications available are these:

For Young People—Grade 2 Braille

Wee Wisdom—a monthly magazine for children.

You—a monthly magazine for teen-agers.

For Adults—Grade 1½ Braille

DAILY WORD—the monthly magazine that (as you well know) is a source of real inspiration and help to many persons.

Lessons in Truth—Unity's basic textbook, by H. Emilie Cady.

Finding the Christ—an inspiring booklet also by Doctor Cady.

No charge is ever made for Unity's Braille literature, for this work is supported entirely by love offerings to the Braille Department. If you wish to help in this work, address your contributions to the Braille Department, at Unity headquarters.

Birthday Greeting Booklets

Unity's greeting booklet for birthdays, *God Bless Your Birthday,* was published only a little more than a year ago; it immediately became and remained very popular as a birthday remembrance.

God Bless Your Birthday contains short birthday blessings and prayers plus poems and articles by well-known Unity authors. It has a beautiful, full-color cover showing a song bird among some flower blossoms. Inside the booklet there is space for your name and that of the person who is to receive it, and it can be used for a birthday in any month of the year.

Copies of *God Bless Your Birthday* are priced at only 10 cents each or 12 for $1. Order plenty today so that you won't be caught unprepared when a friend's birthday comes along.

UNITY CENTERS

If you are interested in attending a Unity center, consult your phone directory, or write to Unity's Field Department for the location of the Unity center nearest you.

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"I Acknowledge God"

There is a cafe in Boonville, Missouri that serves a great deal of tourist trade. With his dinner, each patron of this restaurant receives a little card that bears these words:

> "I acknowledge God as the Giver of all my blessings. I thank Him for this food and ask Him to watch over me to the journey's end."

Also, in this unusual cafe, the walls are hung with several fine pictures of Jesus.

Pete Christus, the owner of this cafe, truly acknowledges God as his partner; and the story of his success through the use of practical Christianity is an inspiring one. You can read this story in full in the June issue of *Good Business* magazine, in the article by J. L. Keith entitled "I Acknowledge God."

You will like this unusual and moving article, and you will also like the other articles, poems, and features contained in *Good Business* each month. Order a subscription for the magazine today, so that you will receive the excellent June issue; *Good Business* is priced at only $1 a year.

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THAT THEY MAY GROW UP

To be childlike is one thing; to be childish is another. In the article by Martha Smock on page two of this magazine, she says, "Childishness is not an age, but an attitude."

One of the most wonderful things that *Wee Wisdom* magazine does for children is to help them learn to overcome childish reactions and attitudes. Children, in order to be happy, in order to learn and grow, need to overcome their fears, their anxieties, their selfishness, their self-centeredness.

Children learn much about how to think and live and react toward life through the stories they read. Stories are greater teachers than we realize. We sincerely feel that any child who reads the stories in *Wee Wisdom* cannot help but overcome childish traits and take on helpful, happy, positive attitudes toward life.

If your children do not receive *Wee Wisdom*, or if you know of other children who do not receive it, order it today. The price is only $2 a year. It is a most worthwhile investment to make in any child; it is a wonderful way to help the children you love "grow up into Christ, who is the head."

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God Knows Our Needs

A Prosperity Bank user writes: "The Prosperity Bank works miracles for us. It has really kept us going the past year. Due to my husband's accident and inability to go to business, our income is about one-third of what we were used to. I cannot tell you all the varied and wonderful ways that money comes to us to supplement this income. It is just amazing.

"It is now a part of our life to know that we can always tap the divine Source of supply. We never worry about finances or our needs of any kind. We just rest in the thought that God knows our needs and desires, and that they will be supplied."

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Each year during the Unity Summer Demonstration Program Unity students seek to put Truth principles into practice in their lives in order to demonstrate some specific good that they desire. This year's goal is prosperity, which includes not only abundance in finances but health, happiness, and spiritual blessings as well.

Charles Fillmore Book

Featured in the program is the much-quoted and highly practical book *Prosperity,* by Charles Fillmore. Here he sets forth the basic prosperity principles that thousands have followed to bring increased good into their lives. Studying this book is sure to give you new insight to help you with your problems. A guide entitled *Prosperity for You* has been especially prepared to accompany the book, and it is yours without charge when you order *Prosperity,* which is priced at $1.

Send for your copy of *Prosperity* and its accompanying free guide today, and begin at once to bring new prosperity into your life. (If you already have the book, Unity will be happy to send you the guide free on request.)

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Rock of Reassurance

JAMES DILLET FREEMAN

Our hearts need reassurance like a rock
  To steady us at times against the tide
And give us sanctuary from time's shock,
  But of what rock shall we say, "This will
    abide"?

Basalt and granite can be swept away,
  There is not any rock that I know of
That is unfailing refuge and sure stay
  Except the heart's assurance of God's love.

The heart that knows God's love shall itself
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  A rock of reassurance, God's holy hill;
For time and tide cannot separate it from
  Its faith in the sure outworking of His will.

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